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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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EMPIRE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, LLC,
Plaintiff,

-against-

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

MEH ANJUM; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL
CONTROL BOARD;

Defendant(s).

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Plaintiff, Empire Community Development, LLC (“Empire” or “Plaintiff”), by and through its attorneys, The Margolin & Weinreb Law Group, LLP as and for its Verified Complaint of foreclosure of the premises and mortgage against Defendants Meh Anjum and New York City Environmental Control Board (collectively the “Defendants”), respectfully alleges upon information and belief as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is an action brought pursuant to New York Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law, Section 1301 *et seq.*, to foreclose on a mortgage encumbering the property commonly known as 89-07 Vanderveer Street, Queens Village, NY 11427 known on the Queens County Tax Map as Block: 10657, Lot: 21 in the County of Queens and State of New York (the “Subject Property”). The Legal Description of the property is annexed hereto as Exhibit “A”.

PARTIES

2. Empire Community Development, LLC is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. Empire Community Development, LLC is a single member limited liability company, whose sole member is Reliant Holdings Group, LLC. Reliant Holdings, LLC has three members, Robert Paulus, David Van Horn and John Sweeney, each of whom is a citizen of the United States and resident of the State of Pennsylvania. For the purposes of diversity, Empire Community Development, LLC is a citizen of Pennsylvania.
3. Meh Anjum, upon information and belief, is a resident and citizen of the State of New York, having an address at 89-07 Vanderveer Street, Queens Village, NY 11427. Meh Anjum is a necessary party defendant to this action by virtue of the fact that he (i) was present at the time of the execution of the Note and Mortgage (as such terms are defined below); (ii) is the borrower of the loan; and (iii) is the Mortgagor under the Mortgage.
4. New York City Environmental Control Board is an administrative tribunal of the City of New York, located at 1250 Broadway, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001. For purposes of diversity jurisdiction, it is a citizen of New York State. It is a necessary party defendant to this action because it is a judgment creditor by virtue of Environmental Control Board Violations filed against the borrower and/or property, which are subordinate to Plaintiff's Mortgage. See judgments at Exhibit "F".
5. Each of the above-named defendants has or claimed to have or may claim to have some interest in or lien upon said mortgaged premises or some part thereof, which interest or lien, if any, has accrued subsequent to, and is subject and subordinate to, the lien of said Mortgage.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

6. This Action is between citizens of different states. The amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds \$75,000.00. Therefore, jurisdiction is based upon diversity of citizenship pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332.
7. Venue is deemed proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391. A substantial part of the events giving rise to this action took place within the jurisdiction of this court and the Subject Property is located in this district.

AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

8. This action is brought to foreclose a mortgage made by Meh Anjum set out as follows: Mortgage dated February 2, 2007, made by Meh Anjum to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GE Money Bank, to secure the sum of \$93,000.00 and interest, recorded in CRFN: 2007000166699 in the Queens County Clerk's Office on April 2, 2007. Said lien covers premises known as 89-07 Vanderveer Street, Queens Village, NY 11427. A copy of the Mortgage is annexed as Exhibit "B".
9. On February 2, 2007, Meh Anjum executed and delivered a Note to GE Money Bank in the amount of \$93,000.00. The Note was subsequently transferred by the affixation of proper endorsement to the Note. A copy of the Note with endorsement and Affidavit of Note Possession are annexed as Exhibit "C".
10. The Mortgage was assigned by Assignments of Mortgage as follows:
 - a. **Assignor:** MERS as nominee for GE Money Bank
Assignee: Anson Street, LLC
Dated: June 24, 2019 **Recorded:** July 25, 2019
CRFN: 2019000235441 (Correction Assignment)
 - b. **Assignor:** Anson Street, LLC
Assignee: Empire Community Development, LLC
Dated: April 29, 2019 **Recorded:** February 19, 2020

CRFN: 2020000065102

Copies of the Assignments are annexed hereto as Exhibit "D", respectively.

11. Any applicable recording tax was duly paid at the time of recording said mentioned mortgage.
12. Plaintiff is in physical possession and is the owner and holder of said original Note and Mortgage.
13. Meh Anjum has failed to comply with the terms and provisions of the said Mortgage and said instruments secured by the Mortgage, by failing to make the Monthly Payment due on July 1, 2016, and the default continues to date.
14. Plaintiff has complied with the contractual provisions in the loan documents in that Default Notice to cure was issued on December 24, 2020 to Meh Anjum (the "Default Notice") advising of possible acceleration of the loan and that by virtue of his continuing default under the Note and Mortgage, if the arrears are not cured, Plaintiff may declare that the outstanding principal balance due under the Note, together with all accrued interest thereon is immediately due and payable. The 90-day notice provided by RPAPL §1304(1) was issued on December 24, 2020, to Meh Anjum (the "90 Day Notice"). Plaintiff has complied with the registration requirements of RPAPL §1306(1). Copies of the Default Notice and 90 Day Notice with proof of mailing and registration are annexed hereto as Exhibit "E".
15. Pursuant to RPAPL Section 1302 as amended, the plaintiff has complied with all the provisions of Section 595a and Section 6-1 of the Banking Law and RPAPL Section 1304, except where it is exempt from doing so.
16. Plaintiff is in compliance with Section Nine-X of the New York State banking law, if applicable.

17. As of the date herein, Meh Anjum has failed to respond to the Default Notice and 90 Day Notice.
18. Due to the above-described default, Defendant Meh Anjum is indebted to Plaintiff pursuant to the terms of the Note and Mortgage for:
 - a. The unpaid principal amount due under the Note, and all accrued and unpaid interest and late charges which sum as of April 29, 2022, amounts to \$145,505.09.
 - b. Attorney's fees and other costs and disbursements, payable to Empire Community Development, LLC under the terms of the Note, which will accrue until the amount due and payable under the Note is paid in full; and
 - c. Any and all additional fees that are due or may become due and payable as provided under the terms and conditions of the Note and Mortgage are paid in full.
19. Plaintiff requests that in the event that this action will proceed to judgment of foreclosure and sale, said premises should be sold subject to the following:
 - a. Any state of facts that an inspection of the premises would disclose.
 - b. Any state of facts that an accurate survey of the premises would show.
 - c. Covenants, restrictions, easements and public utility agreements of record, if any.
 - d. Building and zoning ordinances of the municipality in which the Mortgaged premises are located and possible violations of same.
 - e. Any right of tenants or person in possession of the subject premises.
 - f. Any equity of redemption of the United States of America to redeem the premises within 120 days from date of sale.
 - g. Prior lien(s) of record, if any.

20. In the event that Plaintiff possesses any other lien(s) against said mortgaged premises either by way of judgment, junior mortgage or otherwise, Plaintiff requests that such other liens(s) shall not be merged in Plaintiff's cause(s) of action set forth in this Complaint, but that Plaintiff shall be permitted to enforce said other lien(s) and/or seek determination of priority thereof in any independent action(s) or proceeding(s), including, without limitation, any surplus money proceedings.
21. Plaintiff shall not be deemed to have waived, altered, released or changed the election hereinbefore made, by reason of any payment after the commencement of this action, of any or all of the defaults mentioned herein, and such election shall continue and remain effective.
22. No other action or proceeding has been commenced or maintained or is now pending at law or otherwise for the foreclosure of said Mortgage or for recovery of the said sum secured by said Note and Mortgage or any part thereof.

WHEREFORE, on the first cause of action, the Plaintiff demands judgment that the Defendants and each of them and all persons claiming under them or any of them, subsequent to the commencement of this action and the filing of a notice of pendency thereof, be barred and foreclosed of and from all estate, right, title, interest, claim, lien and equity of redemption of, in and to the said mortgaged premises and each and every part and parcel thereof; that the premises may be decreed to be sold in one parcel, according to law, subject to the terms set forth in this complaint; that the monies arising from the sale thereof may be bought into Court; that the Plaintiff may be paid the amount due on the Note and Mortgage as hereinbefore set forth, with interest and late charges to the time of such payment and the expenses of such sale, plus reasonable attorney's fees, together with the costs, allowances and disbursements of this action, and together with any sums from the dates incurred by Plaintiff pursuant to any term or provision of the Note and

Mortgage set forth in this complaint, or to protect the lien of Plaintiff's Mortgage, together with interest upon said sums from the dates of the respective payments and advances thereof, so far as the amount of such monies properly applicable thereto will pay the same; that this Court forthwith appoint a receiver of the rents and profits of said premises during the pendency of this action with the usual powers and duties; and that Defendant Meh Anjum may be adjudged to pay the whole residue (unless discharged of this debt by the United States Bankruptcy Court), or so much thereof as the Court may determine to be just and equitable, of the debt remaining unsatisfied after a sale of the mortgaged premises and the application of the proceeds pursuant to the directions contained in such judgment, and that in the event that Plaintiff possesses any other lien(s) against said mortgage premises either by the way of judgment, junior mortgage or otherwise, Plaintiff requests that such other lien(s) shall not be merged in Plaintiff's cause(s) of action set forth in this complaint but that Plaintiff shall be permitted to enforce said other lien(s) and/or seek determination of priority thereof in any independent action(s) or proceeding(s), including, without limitation, any surplus money proceedings, that an order be entered compelling that the tenants deliver possession of the premises to Plaintiff, and that the Plaintiff may have such other and further relief, or both, in the premises, as may be just and equitable.

Dated: May 5, 2022
Syosset, New York

Yours, etc.
The Margolin & Weinreb
Law Group, LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff

By: /s/ Alan H. Weinreb
Alan H. Weinreb, Esq.

VERIFICATION BY ATTORNEY

ALAN H. WEINREB, an attorney duly admitted to practice before the courts of this state and associated with the attorneys of record for the plaintiff, affirms under the penalties of perjury that: I have read the foregoing Complaint and the same is true to my own knowledge except as to matters alleged to upon information and belief as to those matters I believe them to be true. The grounds of my belief as to matters not based upon personal knowledge are communications with plaintiff or officers and/or agents of plaintiff and copies of plaintiff's records in my possession. This affirmation is made by me because plaintiff is not in a county in which my firm has its office.

Dated: May 5, 2022
Syosset, New York

/s/ Alan H. Weinreb
ALAN H. WEINREB